

Dear Friends,

I like to welcome you to this long awaited day: Fall Festival 2016. I welcome all those who are joining us for the 2016 Fall Festival. I am excited to witness and be a part of this great event; which is my second Fall Festival here in St. Stephen. I know it has been a year-long preparation for this event. I am ever grateful to all who have worked hard to help make this day a reality; the Fall Festival Committee and all the individuals in charge of the different levels of planning, you all have worked hard preparing for this day. Thank you all so much. Now, it is time for all of us to roll out the drums, put on our dancing shoes for a rock and roll moment.



This is a very special event for us. It is a day of thanksgiving to God for his many blessings to us. It is also a day of fun, enjoying good and delicious food and fellowship. It is also a major fundraiser for us, where we will raise the much-needed funds for our parish community, in meeting up with our financial responsibilities. I hope you all will enjoy the variety that this Fall Festival offers.



The central teaching in today's Gospel passage is expressed in the encouraging words of Jesus to his disciples: "Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary." Jesus by that urges us too, to persevere in prayer, not because we will eventually get our way with God, but that we will grow in our acceptance of God's will. Yes, often times we expect God to answer our prayers in our own time, not his own. We give him an ultimatum.

In praying, we should keep in mind that God is not an 'errand-boy', to be ordered around as we please. He is absolutely sovereign, and cannot be ordered around by anyone. He will do for us what is best for us in his own time. We are the ones who must learn to make his time our own time, and not the other way around. We are the ones who must wait on the Lord, and not expect the Lord to wait on us. This is the clear teaching of Holy Scriptures. In Psalm 37:34, it says, "Wait for the Lord, and keep to his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land..." Again, in Proverb 20: 22 it says, "Wait for the Lord, and he will help you." Also, Sirach 51:8 has much the same message: "Then I remembered your mercy, Oh'Lord, and your kindness from of old, for you rescue those who wait for you and save them from the hand of their enemies."

Have a fun filled Fall Festival and remain blessed.

Happy Fall Festival.

Fr. Jude

### 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's readings we are encouraged to persevere in prayer – not because God needs our prayer, but because we do! In prayer we recognize our dependence upon God and that God brings us into relationship with each other. Prayer draws us out of ourselves and helps us to be mindful of the needs of others. For whom do we need to pray today? Who is the brother or sister of the Lord whose needs are hidden from us? On this Mission Sunday, we can pray especially for the Church's missionary work, especially among the poor and forgotten.

### 29to Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En la lectura de hoy, se nos invita a perseverar en la oración-- no por que Dios necesite nuestra oración, pero por que nosotros sí la necesitamos! En la oración reconocemos nuestra dependencia de Dios y que Dios nos lleva a una relación con el otro. La oración nos saca de nosotros mismos y nos ayuda a pensar en las necesidades de otros. ¿Por quién necesitamos orar hoy? ¿Quién es el hermano o hermana en el Señor cuyas necesidades están ocultas a nosotros? En este Domingo de las Misiones, podemos orar especialmente por el trabajo misionero de la Iglesia, especialmente entre los pobres y olvidados.

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 16**

Fall Festival.

**MONDAY OCTOBER 17**

7 pm Grupo de Oración

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 18**

8 am Men's Bible Study - OLG Rm

6 pm TNMC - Parish Hall

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19**

9 am Women's Bible Study

5:30-8 pm Faith Formation Classes

6:45 pm Spanish Women's Group

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 20**

6 pm RCIA—St. Stephen Rm

7 pm Finance Meeting

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 21**

7 pm Grupo de Oración

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 22**

12 pm Ortiz Wedding

Protect Life! Make a difference in a pregnant women's life. Please contact Tere Grace and find out how YOUR GIFTS and TALENTS can save lives.  
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The Amazing Grace Gift Shop is now officially open after all the masses.

If you would like to help, Please contact Mary Riley for more information. 254-231-8784.

**Monetary Stewardship**

Collection Last Week:

**Regular: \$ 3051.00**

**Online: \$ 624.38**

**Total \$ 3675.38**

*Building Fund—October 8-9  
\$3977.00*

*Second Collection—October 22-23  
World Mission Sunday*

**Building for Our Lord Campaign**

**Construyendo Para Nuestro Senor**

Total Pledge To Date:  
**\$1,421,876.00**

Amount Collected To Date:  
**\$781,084.05**

Pledges to be Redeemed:  
**\$644,174.95**

Paid Diocese Month of September  
**\$15,000.00**

Loan Balance to Date:  
**\$618,000.00**

Original Loan Total  
**\$800,000.00**

**Grupo de Mujeres Hispanas**

Seguira reuniéndose todos los Miércoles a las 6:30 de la tarde. Para mas información hablen con la señora Elsa Olalde.

**Mass Intentions**

Sat.	Oct 15	5:30 pm	Arthur Metcalfe +
		7:00 pm	Kimberly Rosales ( <i>Happy birthday</i> )
Sun.	Oct 16	9:00 am	Janice Piatek +
Mon.	Oct 17		NO MASS
Tues.	Oct 18	6:00 pm	Wayne Miller +
Wed.	Oct 19	8:30 am	For the People
Thurs	Oct 20	8:30 am	Virgil Lucas
Fri	Oct 21	12:00 pm	Stewart Smith +
Sat	Oct 22	5:30 pm	Romayne Tyrrell +
Sun	Oct 23	9:00 am	Maria Murray +
		11:00 am	World Mission Sunday

**Ministry Schedule for October 22-23, 2016**

Mass	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers / Greeters	Ministers of Eucharist
5:30 PM	T Schatte R Schatte	J Young J McGregor C Carlson	B Watts J LaCanne J Wilson	Deacon Ernie B Wald B Johnson
9:00 AM	B Hoelscher T Grace	J Delio L Hossfield	W Matus C Milliser M Milliser	R Michalewicz J Rodriguez C Brown L Simonette D Alvarez
11:00 AM	B Martinez A Robert	F Ramirez J Perez I Collazo D Arias M Hernandez	Modesto E. Rodrigo A. Juan H.	R Urquiza S Jiral C Tovar B Jaramillo



St. Stephen Catholic Church

**FALL FESTIVAL**

**Sunday October 16, 2016**

**Food, Live Auction, Raffle, Games, Classic Car Show**



**Attention Pro-Life ANGELS**

Do you want to make a difference in a pregnant woman's life? Attend the Gabriel Project Training on Saturday, October 22, at St. Vincent de Paul Parish 9-5 pm

*(Lunch and materials included)*

Contact Tere Grace or go directly to the Diocesan website [www.austindiocese.org](http://www.austindiocese.org) for more information



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Download our app today at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) or search your phone's app store for "my parish."

Pray and give generously

**World Mission Sunday**

October 23, 2016

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith  
a Pontifical Mission Society